



RIDGE PIKE UPDATE

HARMON ROAD TO CRESCENT AVENUE

Improvement Project in Plymouth & Whitemarsh Townships

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What is the Ridge Pike Improvement Project?

Ridge Pike is a major roadway through Montgomery County dating back to Pennsylvania's colonial era, when it connected Philadelphia and Reading.

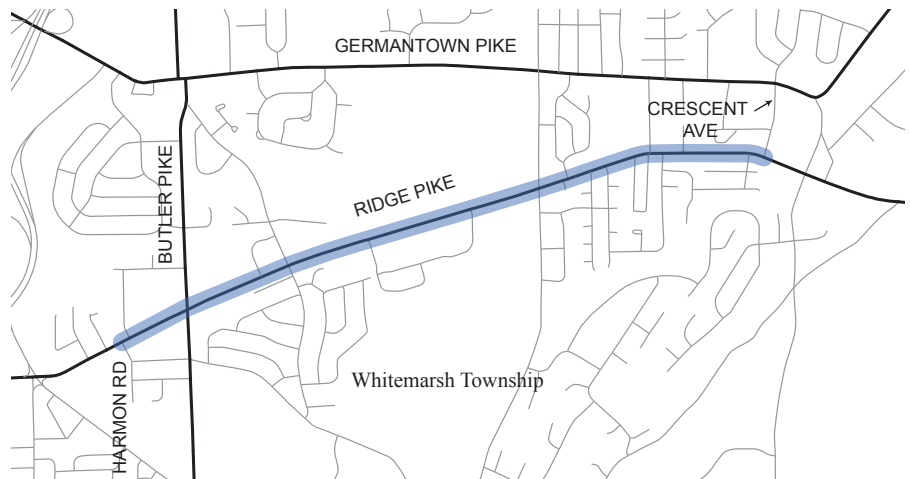
Today, the county owns Ridge Pike between Philadelphia and Norristown, a stretch of road that passes through numerous suburban communities, connects to I-476 and provides an alternative to I-76, the Schuylkill Expressway. It was originally paved in the 1930's.

Parts of Ridge Pike have not changed much since the early 1900's. Some sections were widened in the 1970's or as development occurred but much of this portion of Ridge Pike needs extensive repair, additional travel lanes and drainage upgrades. Ridge Pike accommodates daily traffic volumes of 30,000 vehicles, and thousands more when incidents on the Schuylkill Expressway divert traffic.

The Ridge Pike Improvement Project in Plymouth and Whitemarsh Townships will rebuild the road from the bottom up, improve safety and

reduce congestion. The project will also improve pedestrian safety and transit accessibility by providing a continuous sidewalk along the road.

Project Area: Harmon Road to Crescent Avenue

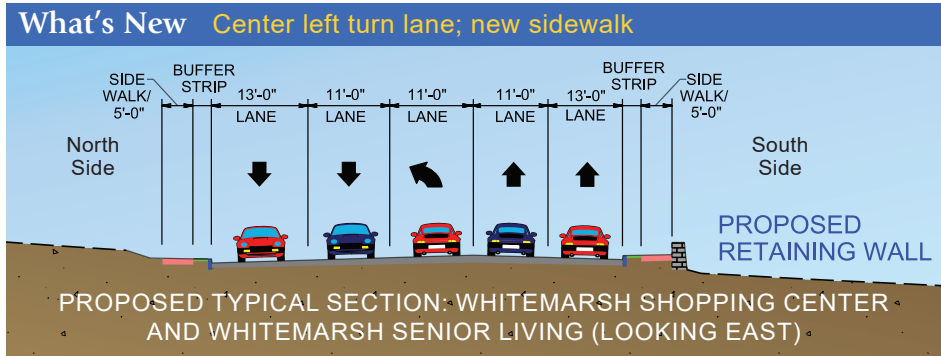


What are the project's benefits?

The Ridge Pike reconstruction will provide numerous benefits to citizens, drivers and businesses, including:



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What improvements are being planned?

To improve safety and efficient traffic flow, the county will add left turn and right turn lanes at critical intersections, will add sidewalks to the greatest extent feasible and continue working with commercial properties to improve access.

30,000 Cars Per Day



Ridge Pike needs to be a 21st century roadway to carry 30,000 vehicles a day, allow safer pedestrian movements, and support local businesses.



Rebuilding Infrastructure:
Ridge Pike is a critical element of the region's road network. The county has a duty to maintain it.

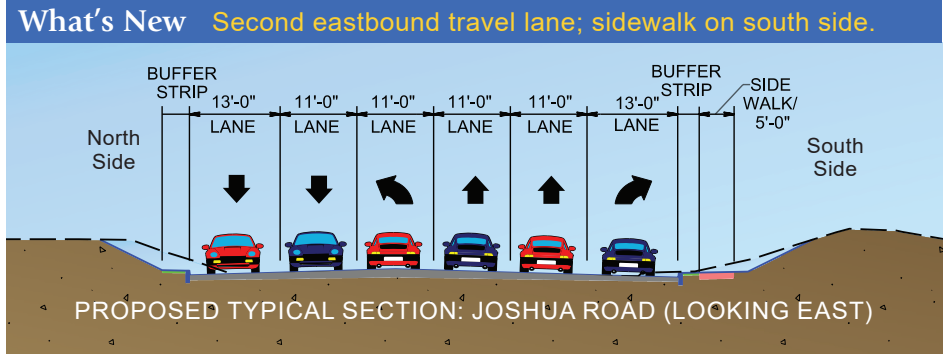
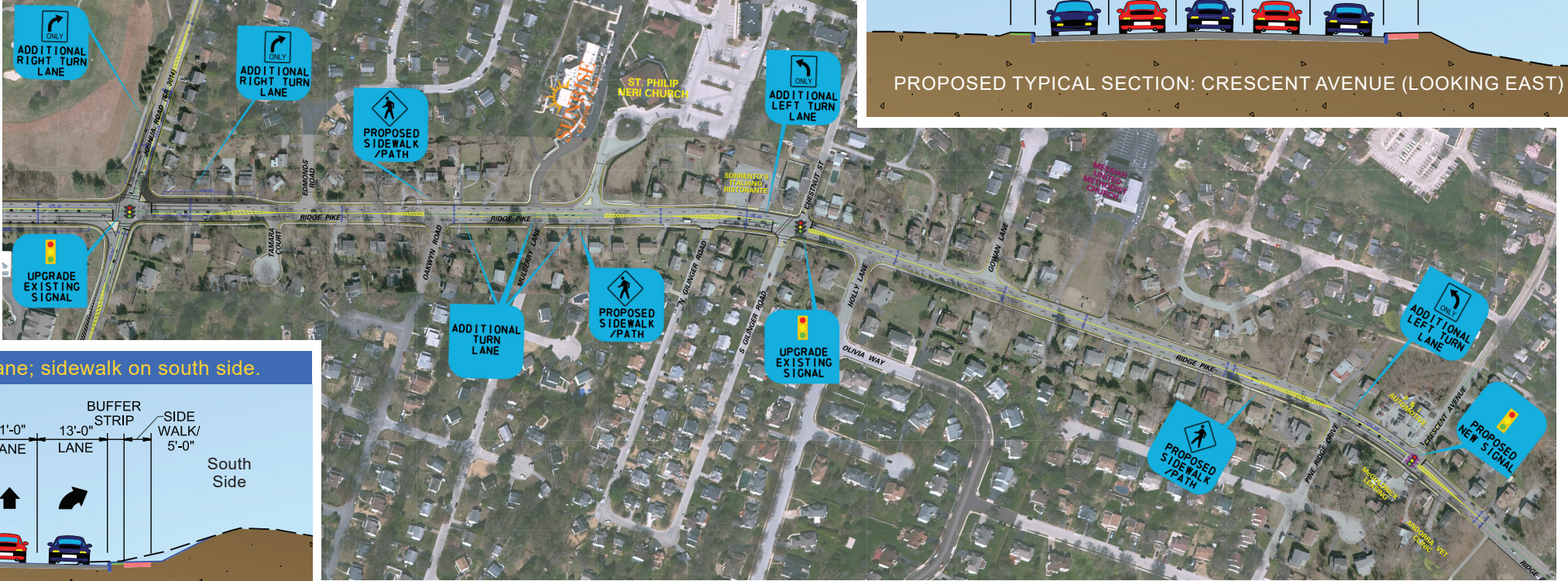
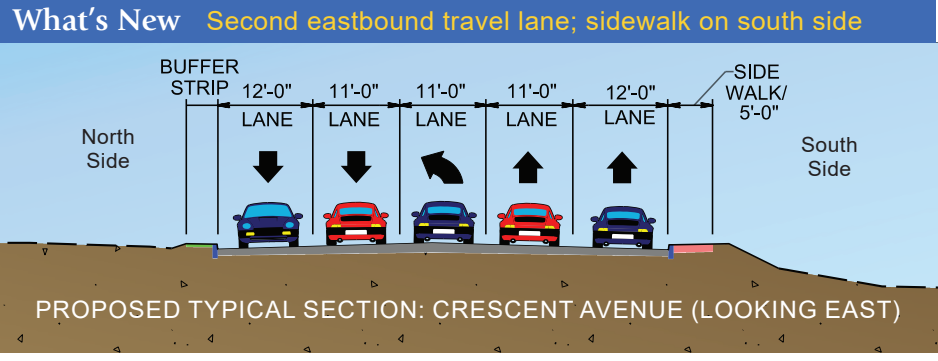
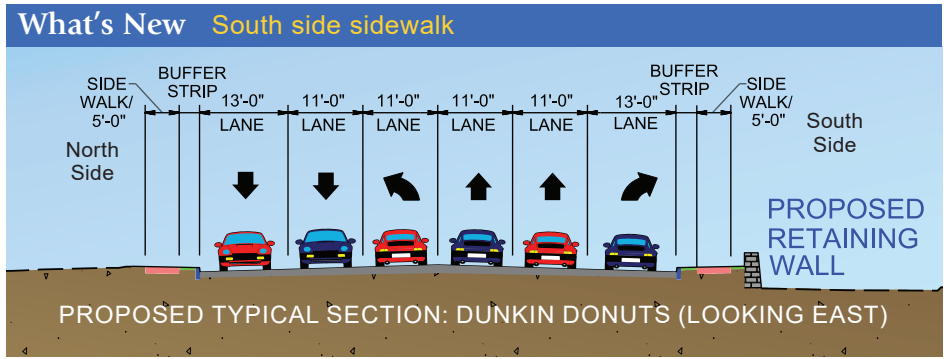
Upgrade Drainage:
Modern drainage facilities will improve safety by managing stormwater.

Install Sidewalks:
Pedestrians have no safe place to walk. Providing sidewalks on Ridge Pike will improve pedestrian safety and comfort.

Road Widening:
Completion of the second eastbound travel lane at Joshua Road will improve traffic flow.

Reconstruct Entire Road:
Originally paved in the 1930's, Ridge Pike is in need of a complete reconstruction.

Installing New Signal at Chestnut Street & Crescent Ave:
New and coordinated traffic signals will improve congestion and safety while metering travel speeds along Ridge Pike.



Congestion at Ridge Pike and Butler Pike



What is the status of the project?

The Ridge Pike Improvement Project in Plymouth and Whitemarsh Townships will soon enter final engineering and right of way acquisition before construction can begin. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025 and continue for two years.

CONSTRUCTION COST:
\$27,500,000

FUNDS:
Montgomery
County/PennDOT

**ANTICIPATED
CONSTRUCTION START:**
2025

ENGINEER:
RK&K



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